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SUBJ: DISCUSSION OF BICENTENNIAL PLANS WITH SOVIETS

1. WE HOPE TO BE IN TOUCH INFORMALLY WITH THE SOVIETS
SHORTLY REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL
OBSERVATION.

2. SEVERAL AMERICAN IDEAS NOW IN VARIOUS STAGES OF PLANNING
OR DISCUSSION INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: CONCERT TOUR BY MAJOR
U.S. SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, SERIES OF SEMINARS ON AMERICAN HISTORY
LEADING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAIRS OF AMERICAN STUDIES AT
MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD UNIVERSITIES, A "DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN
LECTURE SERIES," PLACEMENT OF A FULL 13-PART TV SERIES ON THE
U.S. ON SOVIET TELEVISION, BOOK EXHIBITS ON THE UNITED STATES:
1776-1976, AND AN INCREASED LEVEL OF INDIVIDUAL SOVIET VISITORS
TO THE U.S. TO INCLUDE INCREASED PRIVATE CONTACTS AND FAMILY
HOME STAYS THROUGH BICENTENNIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

3. AS QUID PRO QUO, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO ENCOURAGE
SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES TO TAKE PLACE IN U.S.
SUCH PROJECTS COULD INCLUDE:

A. PACIFIC 21 EXPOSITION AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL, CITY OF
LOS ANGELES, JUNE-SEPT 1976, DESIGNED TO EXAMINE HERITAGE,
CULTURE, AND HISTORY OF EACH PACIFIC NATION AND ITS RELATION
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TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE U.S.

B. AMERICAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
SUMMER 1976.

C. INTERNATIONAL SHOWCASE OF YOUTH, CITY OF PHILADELPHIA;
THEY HAVE INVITED VILNIUS BOYS CHOIR, "AZUOLIUKAS."

D. A TRAVELING EXHIBIT (SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET ANNOUNCED
PLANS FOR 1976 UNDER CULTURAL AGREEMENT).

E. MAJOR PERFORMING ARTS TOUR(S), KEYED TO BICENTENNIAL
EVENTS.

F. 1976 INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE,
SPONSORED BY AMERICAN ACADEMIC SOCIETIES, JUNE 1976.

G. MORE REGULAR AND CONTINUING NOMINATION OF LECTURERS
IN CULTURE, HISTORY, AND LANGUAGE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE (IF POSSIBLE BY
FEBRUARY 20) ANY SUGGESTIONS FURTHER TO THOSE IN PARA 2 WHICH
AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION MIGHT HAVE
FOR SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN U.S.

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